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Pocahontas County, Virginia
(Now West Virginia)
Marriage Bonds 1822-1852 and Minister's Returns 1822-1871

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- No record of return*
- 6 Feb 1826 Bond: James Wanless & Elizabeth Sharp. Surety, James Wanless & William Sharp. John Sharp, Sr. consents for daughter. Teste, John Sharp & William Sharp.
- 8 Feb 1826 Return: James Wanless & Elizabeth Sharp by Harvey Sawyers.
- 4 Jan 1827 Bond: Ralph Wanless & Anne Poage. Surety, Ralph Wanless & George Poage.
- Jan 1827 Return: Ralph Wanless & Anne Poage by John Hawes.
- 1 Jul 1828 Bond: John Wanless & Elizabeth Bridger. Surety, John Wanless & James Briders.
- 3 Jul 1828 Return: John Wanless & Elizabeth Bridgers by Benjamin Tallman.
- 22 Jun 1830 Bond: Stephen Wanless & Mary P. C. Sharp. Surety, Stephen Wanless & William Sharp.
- 24 Jun 1830 Return: Stephen Wanless & Mary P. C. Sharp by Benjamin Tallman.
- 5 Nov 1832 Bond: Henry Nottingham & Martha Wanless. Surety, Henry Tallman & William Wanless.
- 8 Nov 1832 Return: Henry Nottingham & Martha Wanless by John L. Blain.
- 8 Feb 1836 Bond: ^LZeven Wanless & Nancy Dilly. Surety, ^LZeven Wanless & Henry Dilley
- 12 Mar 1839 Bond: William Cassell & Matilda Wanless. Surety, William Cassell & William Wanless.
- 30 May 1840 Bond: Andrew Wanless & Margaret Potts. Surety, Andrew Wanless & John (x) Potts.
- 4 Jun 1840 Return: Andrew Wanless & Margaret Potts by James Wanless.
- 27 May 1843 Bond: John W. Logan, of Randolph Co., & Rachel Wanless. Surety, John W. Logan & Andrew Wanless. William Wanless consents for daughter. Teste, Andrew Wanless & Nelson Wanless.
- 4 Jun 1843 Register: John Logan & Rachel Wanless by Benjamin Tallman.

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DATE 1800	SURNAME	GRANTORS			GRANTEES	KIND OF INSTRUMENT OTHER THAN DEEDS	RECORDED		BRIEF DESCRIPTION
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1829	Wanless			Ralph	John Wanless	etal	1 400	200 A-	Knapps & Browns Cr
1837	Wanless		Lucretia	Ralph	Eli Buzzard		2 542	20 A-	Knapps Creek
1838	Wanless	Elizabeth	Nancy John	Seven	Ralph Wanless		3 100	200 A-	Between Knapps & Browns Creek
1838	Wanless	Elizabeth	John		Ralph Wanless		3 102	115 A-	Browns Mt
1840	Wanless		Nancy Leven		Ralph Wanless		3 207	86 A-	Browns Mt- Knapps Creek
1840	Wanless		Nancy Leven		Adam H Varner		3 224	.5 A-	4.5 P- Huntersville
1840	Wanless		Nancy Leven		John A Holden		3 306	13 P-	Huntersville
1845	Wanless	Ann		Ralph	William Harper		4 195	50 A-	50 A-
1850	Wanless			Sarah Ralph	William Harper		5 262	1/6 Int 160 A-	150 A-Knapps
1851	Wanless	Andrew	Margaret		William Wanless		5 404	68 A-	Allegheny Mt
1852	Wanless		Nancy Levin		Ruben Buzzard		5 454	21.25 A-	
1856	Wanless		Nancy	William	John W Logan		7 233	122 A-	
1856	Wanless		Nancy	William	John W Logan		7 235	94 A-	Greenbrier River
1856	Wanless		Nancy Leven		William Sharp		7 264	60 A-	47 A- 500 A-
1857	Wanless			William	James Wanless	Title Bond	7 232	80 A-	Thorny Creek
1857	Wanless		Nancy	William	Nelson Wanless		7 234	90 A-	28 A- Greenbrier River
1857	Wanless		Nancy	William	Andrew Wanless		7 236	334 A-	Greenbrier Mt
1867	Wanless	Andrew	Margaret		William M Wanless	etal	8 381	125.5 A-	Greenbrier Mt
1867	Wanless	Andrew	Margaret		William M Wanless	etal	8 391	371 A-	Allegheny Mt
1867	Wanless	Andrew	Margaret		William M Wanless	etal	8 393	39 A-	Greenbrier River
1867	Wanless	Andrew	Margaret Mary C Mary F	Stephen H Sally Stephen H	William M Wanless	etal	8 393	125.5 A-	Greenbrier River
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She was the only daughter of my parents, born December 24, 1937. She graduated from Hillsboro High School, belonged to F.H.A., played clarinet in the band and was active in the Methodist church. She was a graduate of Lewis-Gale School of Nursing, Roanoke, Virginia, in 1958. As a registered nurse she stayed at Lewis-Gale and worked in surgery for five years, went to Richmond, where she was employed by the Chairman of Surgery at the Medical College of Virginia, and worked twelve years in kidney transplant surgery under Dr. David C. Hume.

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Earl worked at several different jobs before being employed by the U.S. Forest Service on March 16, 1943 until his retirement in 1965.

We own a small farm near Minnehaha Springs and built our present home there in 1960. The white pine trees from this small farm furnished the lumber to build our home. Today the pine trees furnish lumber to build picnic tables that Earl makes and sells through the summer months.

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Grandad was born August 20, 1868, son of Milton and Rebecca Myers Walker, in Dockery, Wilkes County, North Carolina. My grandmother was the daughter of Marion Thomas and Laura Elizabeth Coffey Barlow, born in Ash County, North Carolina, August 3, 1868. About the turn of the century they came to Greenbrier County where he followed railroading. He later became engaged in the merchandise business. In

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Earl and I have always lived in Pocahontas County. I was born at Raywood. My parents were Howard G. and Maude Slayton Ray. They were the parents of 13 children, 5 sons: Delbert W. (06-29-1901 to 03-03-1979); Albert B. (05-22-1903 to 02-01-1937); Ted L. (05-03-1906 to 12-16-1973); Donald L. (11-20-1926 to 06-16-1968); and Frank E. Ray of Auto, W.V.A. 8 daughters: Mamie Selmon Bright, Akron, Ohio;

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Major Jacob Warwick (b. 1743, d. 1826) was the son of Lt. John Warwick and Elizabeth Dunlap of Middlebrook, Va. Although here for safety, Lt. John Warwick was employed in service of the King in locating and surveying land grants. He owned property in Bath County and Mathews, Va. (now Dunmore).

Four children, Charles, Elizabeth, John and Jacob were born in Williamsburg as Lt. John resided there in 1740-50. Lt. Warwick chose to return to England. The reason for this and his whereabouts thereafter were unknown. Charles and Elizabeth were placed in schools in Wil-

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lumber that had been sawed at
John's Run to Dunmore to Noel's

Yeager, one of the trustees, drew
plans for the church and submitted
as Elliott for a bid. James Elliott
at 6, 1883: "I will do the carpenter
work for the within described building
of two hundred and eighty seven
(.00) or a Box house the same size
(This bid is just for the carpenter and
I did not have time to see what the
bid cost on the ground."

Specifications called for a building 24' x
to ceiling, to be built on River Hill,
Leopold, W. Va. Materials to be used
out carefully. There were to be six
12 lights each 10' x 16', one double
center of end. It was to be sealed
good clean lumber; floor to be black
to be placed on each side with aisle in
2 seats on each side of pulpit; a small
pit on a platform 14' high, with neat
in front.

Elliott's bid was accepted by the build-
ing committee. It required a year to build during
the year he boarded at C.C. Burner's. The
church was dedicated in 1886. Harry Burner
was a year very well as it was the year he
died. He and his father, Charles Camer-
on, had a fence of 6 inch boards and also the
block and stile. Horse, horse and
spring wagons were the mode of
transportation in those days. Residents from the
area became Dunlevie and Winterburn
ath around the base of Burner moun-
tains. When the Greenbrier was high
there were no bridges, only fords and footlogs.
Harry Burner returned from 16 years in
1906, there were only two cars in the
area by Charlie Grogg and Craig Ash-

1920's the Sunday School rooms were
the back of the church. In the 1960's the
was added and the old pine altar and
replaced with modern oak ones.

Durbin came alive with the coming of
roads. In 1906 a church was built there
now Methodist Church, previously
it's Repose, became a part of that charge.
Durbin later became a station church,
was made a part of the Arboreale charge.
of the ministers recalled who served the
church are: Van Devender, Nevitte,
Spindler, Van Devender, Crawford,
Rose, Shires, Buckhannon, Helms, Edgell
numbers.

to the lack of active members, services at
the Methodist Church were discontinued in
and the church building sold to the Catholic
of Wheeling, WV September 6, 1977.

TRINITY BAPTIST CHAPEL

One year ago Trinity Baptist Chapel
as a reality when First Baptist Church of
it agreed to take the responsibility of
the church. Actually, the original group
had been meeting for some time. They
used the use of a store building at Mill Point.

and, in the past two years, they have gotten used
pews, installed a furnace, and remodeled the
interior of the building. However, from the
beginning the need for larger facilities was seen.

During the first few months of 1980 a search
for property was begun, and early in the spring
two adjoining tracts of land were found which
seemed to be a good building site. The Chapel
had \$3,000 in its building fund, to which they
added \$2,700, and the Mother Church added \$
800. This was enough to pay for the first tract. A
Site Fund loan provided the funds to purchase
the second tract. The Chapel now has about 6.5
acres of ground.

Trinity Baptist Church, of Drexel, North Car-
olina, has taken a special interest in the Chapel
because Saford and Sue Hammons, Chapel
members, are former members of their Church.
The Church gave Trinity Baptist Chapel a check
for \$15,000 to use on a building. Central Baptist
Church of Whitel, North Carolina, has made a
\$200 per month commitment and the Chapel is
using this to help with the financial support of
their pastor, Ron Branch.

With a new pastor, 6.5 acres of ground,
\$15,000 toward a new building, and a lot of
energy and enthusiasm, Trinity Baptist Chapel
is on the move.

WANLESS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

This church is located on Back Mountain
Road North of Cass. Land deed for the church
was granted in October 1908 by C.C. Wanless
and wife Hannah. Trustees at the time were H.L.
Kesler, C.C. Wanless, A.W. Tallman, J.H. Tall-
man, William Cassell and A.W. Sheets. The
church was then known as Mount Union. Later
it was changed to Wanless Methodist and is
currently known as Wanless United Methodist.

Mr. Harry Wanless, Mr. W. Brice Cassell and
Mrs. Lelia Swink remember the building of the
church in 1907 by John and Robert Nole with
help from the local residents. They recall that the
lumber for the church and pews was sawed at a
small mill located on a stream on the property
now owned by Mrs. William Tyler. The lumber
was dried in a kiln on the land behind the church
site. Mr. Wanless remembers helping put the
shingles on the roof. Mrs. Grace Cassell remem-
bers going to the dedication services in 1908.

The original Bible was obtained from Sears
Roebuck and was stolen many years ago. Maude
Wanless, sister to Harry, collected donations
from Cheat Mountain woodsmen and local resi-
dents to buy the church bell and organ.

Families living within a five mile radius
attended and maintained this church for many
years. Descendents of these families still contin-
ue to attend and maintain this church.

Before the church was built, worship services
were held in a one room school building located
on the Henry Kesler property now owned by
Gearold Cassell. Submitted by Alma Cassell Mick

WESLEY CHAPEL METHODIST CHURCH NEAR DUNMORE, W. VA.

The earliest date found for the Wesley Chapel
Methodist Church or the Glade Hill Church, as
it was then called, was 1867.

Minutes of the first quarterly conference were
lost in a fire.

Church services were first held in the Glade
Hill school house which was located on land now
owned by the Wilfongs. Names of some of the
early members were: Curry, Patterson, Galford,
Kerr, Akers, Gum, Maupin, Nottingham,
Arbogast, Hudson, Sheets, Cooper, Carpenter,
and Taylor.

On April 19, 1894 a deed was made by Henry
and Early Taylor deeding a tract of land for the
erection of a church.

Warwick Hudson, Asbury Sheets, J.F. Patter-
son, W.W. Galford and Henry Taylor were
appointed in 1894 to the building committee.

The church was named "Wesley Chapel" by
J.F. Patterson and was dedicated in 1897.

The building was not large enough, because
the congregation averaged around a hundred.
During the period of 1919-1923 Mr. Samuel
Elliott removed the back end and built an addi-
tional ten feet to the church.

In 1961 the Church was transferred to the
Minnehaha Springs Charge and then in 1974 it
was transferred back to the present Pocahontas
Charge.

A vestibule, bell tower, toilets and tool shed
were built later.

In 1966 an oil furnace was installed.

In 1971 lightning struck the church. The fire
was put out before too much damage was done.

In 1976 the inside of the church was re-done by
insulating, lowering the ceiling, paneling walls,
etc.

Later a drain ditch was installed in front of the
church and cemetery to prevent water from
running across the road. Mr. Ivan VanReenan
donated a steel gate to be used at the entrance to
the cemetery. Hymn books were purchased as
Memorials and book racks installed on the
benches. Mrs. Neil Horner



WESLEY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH HILLSBORO

The Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church
at Hillsboro represents the oldest continuing
congregation West of the Allegheny Mountains.
The original building was erected by the first
settler in Little Levels, John McNeel, sometime
between 1765 and 1776, located on the summit
of the Knoll which is now the McNeel Cemetery.
and was known as the "White Pole Meeting
House." The members of that congregation were
John McNeel, Martha McNeel, James Lewis
and wife, Alexander Wadell and wife, Charles
Kennison, Jacob Kennison, Mrs. James Brinnell,
John Switzer and wife, Richard Hill, Nancy
Hill, and Abraham McNeel and wife. It is said
that Bishop Asbury held services there as early as

William Wan
Nancy Wan
Ralph Wan
Eliza Wan
Martha Wan
Andrew Wan
Netilda Wan
Nelson Wan

James Wan
Allen Wan
Mary Wan
Nancy Wan
Melinda Wan
Margaret Wan
James Wan

James Wan
Ralph Wan
James Wan
Stephen Wan
John Wan
Thomas Wan
Leven Wan

TRUMP RUN SCHOOL

Located on Trump Run about 1/2 mile above the Greenbrier River. Established in the 1920's. Closed in 1936.

WANLESS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Wanless Elementary School was located on Back Mountain, five miles from Cass in what was then known as the Wanless Community. It was situated near the highway, on a bank just above the Henry Kesler home. It was a typical one-room school with a pot-belly stove, a water cooler, an old fashioned blackboard and desks and chairs, which accommodated two pupils. This school was later moved just across the road from the Wanless Cemetery on the Wanless Siding Road, as it was known at that time, and it became known as the "Back Allegheny School."

Many memories exist in the minds of those who attended this school. Boys and girls were mischievous in that day, just as they are today. One day a Spelling Bee was in session, which was a frequent pastime as well as a learning experience. A student who had been spelled down, went to the blackboard and with the teacher's back to him, wrote the words on the board as the teacher pronounced them. One of the students informed the teacher of what was going on. She disqualified the speller and all sat down. The usual punishment was handed out which was writing a sentence, dictated by the teacher, 100 times. The speller honestly did not see the word that was written on the board, but the teacher insisted that to be fair, she would have to end the "Match" for that time. Busy work or rainy day

THE WESLEY CHAPEL SCHOOL

The Wesley Chapel School was built by Will and Ed Taylor in 1910 on land loaned by James and Nelia Taylor. The school was located about 300 yards down the road from the church. The school board furnished the desks for the school. The inside was plastered above the beaded wainscoting. The school had three windows on each side. The pot bellied coal stove with heat directing jacket around it was located in the right corner as the room was entered. A cloak room was passed through to get into the schoolroom. The smaller desks were on the left as the room was entered. The rows of desks were larger moving to the right. The teacher's desk and recitation bench were in the front of the room. In 1937 there was a 4 gallon stone water cooler with a cracked lid on it that was kept on a shelf in the left hand corner as the room was entered. There were forest designs on the outside of the cooler including a large buck deer. The cooler was broken and replaced with a barrel shaped white one that had blue bands around it which was brought to the school in 1939 and had a compartmentized wall cabinet made where each student kept a drinking cup. A common dipper had been used before except some students kept cups in their desks. Neil Sheets was the student assigned to put chlorine in the water cooler in 1937-38 to

The Thorny Branch School was a new frame building located in the hollow downstream from the Lawrence Kelly house. The building replaced the Glade Hill School.

The teachers were in order:

Susie McCarty from Little Levels in 1903. She boarded at Pete Oliver's and took Inez Oliver (aged 4 yrs.) to school with her for her first grade. Susie McCarty married Ulysses Nottingham in Nov. 1, 1904 and died at Bear Creek, Montana in 1906 giving birth to her only child, Robert, who died in 1922 of pneumonia.

Annie Freshman
Cleffie Fitzgerald

Clownie Hull for 2 terms. Rella Taylor Sheets remembered that he could be heard giving lessons all the way up the hill in the road.

Cora Hedrick

The school was replaced by the Gum Spring School and Wesley Chapel School as there were about 48 students during the last term. The building was moved up on top of the hill by Sam Elliott who lived in it for some years. It was located on the Jack Taylor farm where the old well is still seen. George and Mandy Taylor had lived in a house nearby before they built the big house in the bottom. Nola and Jack Taylor lived in the old school after their marriage in 1930. Jack Taylor moved the building across the bottom to use as a granary.

Belle Taylor Wooddell remembered the old Dr. Moomau visiting the school, also a Mr. Grimes. They were district school board presidents. Will Taylor, father of Belle, took a great interest in the school. When there were programs being presented he was always urged to recite a poem. Belle attended the school from its beginning to the end. She has a picture of the school and scholars.



Carpenter and other children within walking distance. If any of the pupils were tardy and did not have an eligible excuse they were not allowed to go out and play during recess. Mustoe McLaughlin liked to spend time with the lady teacher so when she asked him why he was tardy he told her he had to salt the geese. One of the pupils caught a skunk and slipped it into the drawer of the teacher's table before the teacher arrived at the school house. The table is in Lee McLaughlin's home. Since it was erected on Robert McLaughlin's farm, he moved it over near his home, where Lee McLaughlin now lives. The Robert McLaughlin home burned in the spring of 1910 and the family lived in the school building until their new home was built that fall. The older boys slept in the hay in the barn because there wasn't enough room for all to stay in the school house. The old school house is now being used for a granary by Lee McLaughlin, a grandson of Robert McLaughlin. *Georgia McLaughlin Taylor*

THORNY BRANCH SCHOOL

THORNY CREEK SCHOOL

Located at the intersection of Rt. 28 and the road to Pocahontas County High School. Building was constructed in 1901. School closed in 1941.

THORNWOOD SCHOOL

See Dunlevie School.

TOP ALLEGHENY SCHOOL

About the time the old Log Church stood along the Staunton and Parkersburg Pike, shortly after the Civil War, a schoolhouse was built at the intersection of the Green Bank Road and the Pike. Here the older settlers of the Mountain attended school. About 1900, or near the time the new church was built, a new school house was erected joining the North East corner of the church lot facing the Battle Grounds. It was later moved on down the Pike about a mile in the big bend of the road between the church and Lee Wilmoth home as all the children lived in that area. Charles and Sam Spencer and K.B. Wilmoth taught there until they retired. Later Estes Crist, Flora Phillips and Opal Gillispie were teachers. Closed in 1945.

TRAINER SCHOOL

Located on Rt. 92 1/2 mile north of the Greenbrier county line. In use by 1912 but was closed by 1920.

activities included among other things, cutting household article pictures from catalogues and pasting them on cardboard boxes to make houses. Arguments over just who some of the pictures belonged to (since things would get mixed up with two sitting together) were frequent but somehow were settled. These things are laughable now but they were mountains to the ones involved at that time. A one-room school had advantages as well as disadvantages. Maybe more advantages than can ever be measured. This perhaps can be disputed, but be that as it may, Back Allegheny School produced some wonderful citizens.

Some of the teachers who taught in one of these schools were: Lillian Fowler, Mary Hill, Alice Friel, Eula Hill, Monna Colaw, Jeanne Hevener, Bonnie Nicholas, and Lynn Kerr.

Listed are some of the people who attended the Wanless (Back Allegheny School): Earl, Myrl, Margie, Blanche and Alice Cassell; Peggy and Tommy Wanless; Harold, Allene, Paul, Audrey and Gene Kesler; Ralph Cassell Galford; Thelma, Layke, Mary Frances and Norma Swink; Gayle, Jerry, Neil, Nora, Grey and Charlotte Cassell; Howard, Guy, Burke, Mary Anne and Charles Cassell; Crystal, Dollie, Tom, Ruby and Lyle Houchin; Garnet, Earl, Carl and Ward Beverage; Ruth, Carrie, Hazel and Bernice Sutton; Rella and Roy Cassell; Wayne Cassell; Berlin, Flossie, Anna Lee, George, Clarence and Gladiola Sheets; Neva Simmons; Jewel, Ollie, Betty Alfred and Eddie Sutton.

Wanless School was closed in 1938.

WATOOGA SCHOOL

From Harry Wanless' Pamela Bible
William is Harry's great grandfather
Leven & Thomas' brother

William Wanless	Born	Aug. 21, 1789
Nancy Wanless	"	May 9, 1795
Ralph Wanless Sr	"	March 28, 1756
"	Died	July 26, 1842 - Death Certificate?

NAMES OF CHILDREN (WILLIAM)

Birth - Death
Records

Eliza Wanless	Born	Oct. 24, 1812
Martha Wanless	Born	Feb. 16, 1815
Andrew Wanless	Born	June 4, 1816
✓ Metilda Wanless	Born	Jan. 22, 1818
Nelson Wanless	Born	May 3, 1819
	Died	Jan. 25, 1821 APRIL 24 1864
✓ Ralph Wanless	Born	Sept. 9, 1822
Rachel Wanless	Born	April 24, 1824
Jane Wanless	Born	Jan. 15, 1826
✓ Allen Wanless	Born	Mar. 28, 1828
✓ Mary Wanless	Born	Feb. 2, 1830
Nancy Ann Wanless	Born	Jan. 2, 1832
✓ Melinda Wanless	Born	Oct. 26, 1833 d. 1876 - DROWNED
✓ Margaret Wanless	Born	Dec. 23, 1836
James Wanless	Born	Sept. 17, 1838
"	Died	Jan. 20, 1916

NAMES AND DATES OF THE BIRTHS OF MY BROTHERS (WILLIAM)

Ralph Wanless	Born	March 18, 1799
James Wanless	Born	March 28, 1801
Stephen Wanless	Born	March 24, 1805
John Wanless	Born	May 17, 1807
Thomas Wanless	Born	March 19, 1810
Leven Wanless	Born	March 21, 1813

Ralph Wanless	Died	Nov. 6, 1832 (William's son)
Allen Wanless	Died	Dec. 18, 1843
Metilda Castle	Died	Jan. 4, 1844
Mary Wanless	Died	Jan. 14, 1844
Margaret Wanless	Died	Feb. 6, 1844

We believe this information came from William Wanless' Bible. His daughter Rachel married John Logan. Their daughter Rebecca married a Gayford. This information was sent to Harry Wanless by M. J. Gayford Logan, West Va. in 1938.

7-23-97

DEAR MRS. SHARP,

Could you please assist with the following information on the WANLESS Family. I've enclosed material I hope is helpful.

- 1) A copy of the handwritten Revolutionary war statement of Ralph Wanless (copy ^① enclosed) or at least the rest of the statement of his witnesses. Any information on the result of application?
- 2) Death Record of Ralph WANLESS July 26, 1842? Pocahontas co.
- 3) Birth Records for: (SHEETS Enclosed) ^② ^③
 - Ralph Wanless born Sept 9, 1822 (Pocahontas co.)
 - Ralph Wanless born March 18, 1799 (" ")
 - Leven Wanless born March 21, 1813 (Pocahontas co.)
 - Nancy Dille born Oct 6, 1818 (Dillys Mill v.a) * see photo copy
 - Alonzo Byron Wanless Feb 13, 1844 (Pocahontas co) * see group photo
- ~~4) Marriage Certificate Alonzo Byron Wanless~~
- 4) Land purchase or Sale Records ^{county land charts} note bottom of family sheet ^② mentions land holdings + sales
- 5) Historical Photos of WANLESS Depot, Wanless church + cemetery on Buck Mt. ANY Historical info? see EARL WANLESS Bio ^④
- 6) Any info on Wanless Farm near Mt Taber school house 5 mi north of Huntersville
- 7) Marriage Certificates
 - Ralph Wanless - Anna Pange Jan 24, 1827
 - see enclosed → Leven Wanless - Nancy Dilly Feb 18, 1836
 - Bing - Feb 8, 1836

Any information Historical Photo's of Places, land
documents, Birth, marriage, death certificates etc
greatly appreciated if there is a fee please let me
know. Copies of any handwritten material Great!

Could you give me the address of Warm Springs .V.A.
Historical Society? Any other people or places that may
have information on Wanless family?

Thank You for your time and assistance

Sincerely,



Martin P. Wanless

7300 Crookpost RD A-22

Liverpool, N.Y. 13088

P.S. Would there be any schoolhouse records
on the Wanless children? Mt Tabor Schoolhouse?

Thanks!

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OTHER INFO

HUSBAND Levan Wanless	(sp. of Levan seems more correct than Leven) In historical account of early settlers
BORN March 21, 1813	Winneshieck Co, Iowa is recorded Levan Wanless.
MARRIED 2-11-1836	The above comes from the Bluffton Township records
DIED 9-28-1901	
BURIED Cresco, Iowa	
FATHER	MOTHER
OTHER MARRIAGES	
WIFE Nancy Dilly (C.G.s record)	MARRIAGE Certificate for Leven + Nancy?
BORN 10-6-1818	
DIED 1-4-1895	Cresco Iowa
BURIED	Cresco Iowa
FATHER Henry	Birth Cert for Alonzo Below
OTHER MARRIAGES	

CHILDREN	SEX	NAME	BORN	WHERE	DIED	MARRIED
1	M	Eldridge	7-9-1837		1916	
2	"	Margaret Saliva	4-26-1839		Infancy	
3	M	Francis Asbury	6-19-1841		1-10-1928	
4	M	Alonzo Byron	2-13-1844		1-14-1920	
5	M	Ferry Alison	8-29-1846		11-11-1925	
6	M	Albion Emile	10-13-1848		1-27-1931	
7	F	Darinda Laoquincy	2-2-1851		7-3-1913	
8	F	Elizabeth Jane	6-15-1853		12 & 1910	
9	M	Oliver Gustavus	10-13-1855	Poconantas Co W. Virg.	6-26-1948	
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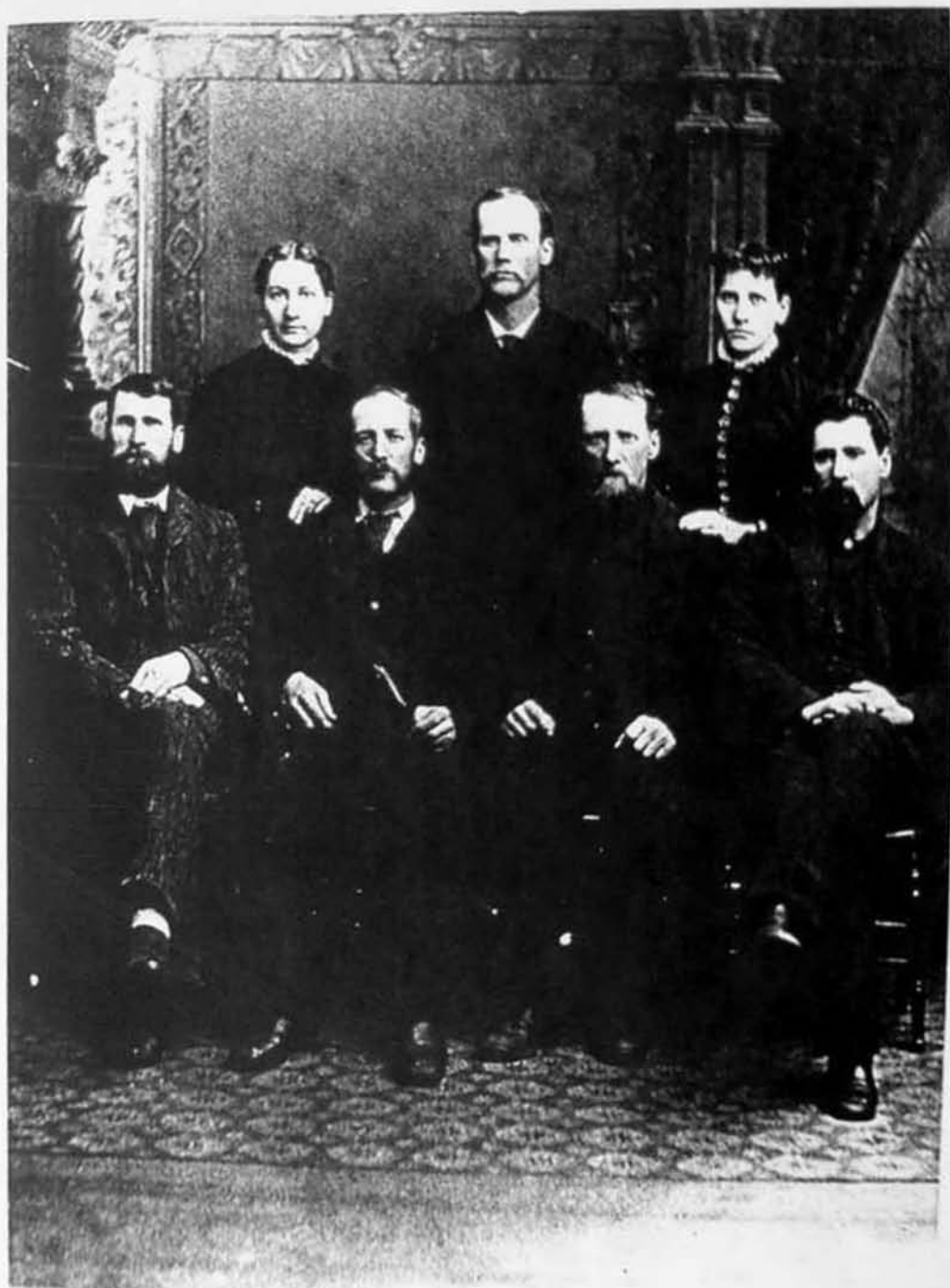
LAND RECORDS Charts

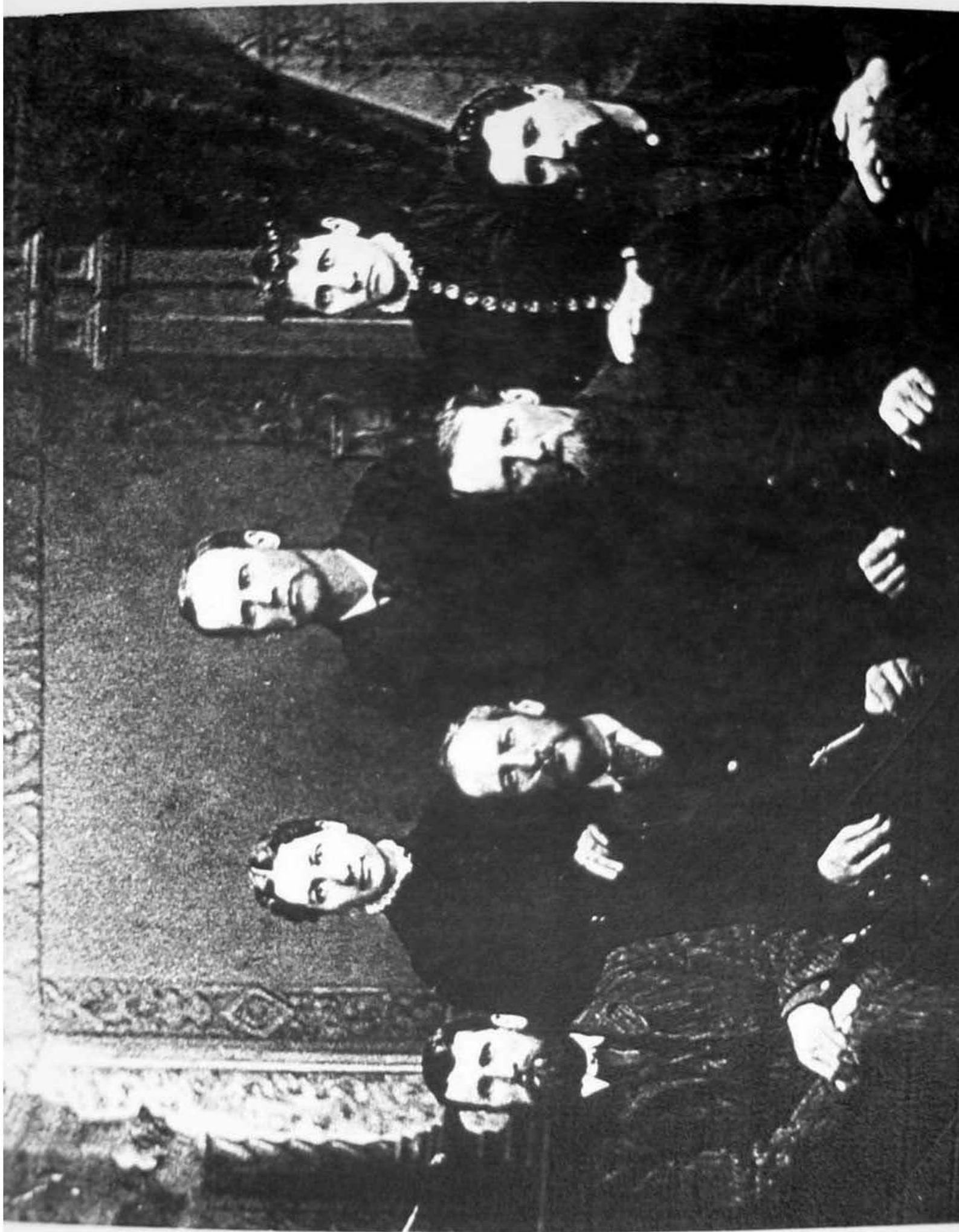
Levan and Nancy with the total living family left Pochontas Co W. Virg 1855 go to Winneshieck Co Iowa. Here they purchased property from M. Mobley 2-26-1857 When they left W. Virg. they had quite a bit of property which Levan sold for some years until all was gone. His handwriting in old Bible was especially good and feeling quite sure it was his he must have been well educated for the times. All with the amount of transactions he made over the years in real estate he must have been a very good businessman. The legal records can be found in court house in Marlinton W. Virg. and Decorah & Cresco Iowa.

My father Ralph G. tells of his Grand mother, Nancy Wanless how she was so nice visit with - so many of her ways seemed to be of the Mt. folk where they came from.

WANLESS

~~some~~ most of
Children of
Leven & Nancy
Wanless





NANCY Dilly

WANLESS

1818-1895





Joseph Wooddell (1752-1834)

of

Augusta County, Virginia

Bath County, Virginia

Pocahontas County, West Virginia

by

Homer C. Cooper

145 Pendleton Drive

Athens, Georgia 30601

July 1959

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To: Our Wooddell Relatives
From: Dr. Homer C. Cooper, 145 Pendleton Drive, Athens, Georgia 30601
Re: Joseph Wooddell (1752-1834) and wife Elizabeth of Augusta County,
Virginia, and Pocahontas County, West Virginia

This paper will be concerned with Joseph Wooddell and his wife, Elizabeth, two of our ancestors of the seventh generation. My principal source of information concerning them consists of the Wooddell family papers, now in the possession of Mr. & Mrs. Forrest Wooddell of Green Bank, Pocahontas County, West Virginia. I had the pleasure of cordial visits with the Wooddell family in September, 1958, and am grateful to them for granting permission to copy the family documents quoted hereinafter. I am also deeply indebted to Mr. Rockford N. Hamed, a native of Green Bank but now a resident of Alexandria, Virginia, and his parents for very generous hospitality, including driving me from Washington to Green Bank, introducing me to the Wooddells, sharing their home and extensive knowledge of Pocahontas County, and making the visit to Green Bank enjoyable in every possible way. Any merit this section has is due to the generosity of the Hameds and the Wooddells.

In addition to the Wooddell family papers, several other sources have been consulted: a file in the National Archives concerning Joseph's Revolutionary War Services, Joseph's will in the Pocahontas County courthouse, U. S. census records, and scattered references in Chalkley and Price. In quoting from these sources I will spell the family name as rendered by the county or census official or family member who prepared the document under consideration at the moment, so the reader will find Woodle, Woodell, Waddle, and other variations scattered throughout the following pages. Joseph himself used the form "Wooddell" consistently for his signature and this spelling is used on the headstone over his father's grave.

Joseph Wooddell was born about 1752, but I cannot establish the exact date or place of his birth. He gave his age as 80 in his sworn declaration of 1832 when qualifying for a Revolutionary War pension. He probably was born in Augusta County, Virginia and at least spent most of his early years there. Thomas Wooddell, Jr. (1759-1839), a younger brother of Joseph, testified that he (Thomas) was born in Augusta County in August, 1759, in his own declaration for a pension, so I am certain that if Joseph was not born in Augusta County, he at least was living there by the time he was seven years of age. If I can judge by land transactions abstracted in Chalkley and other evidence, the Wooddells must have lived in the North River District of Augusta County.

Joseph Wooddell (1752-1834) was the son of Thomas Wooddell (1709-1784) and wife Alice, whose maiden name we do not know. According to an 1886 newspaper article written by a grandson, Thomas Wooddell was born in Scotland; lived a few years in England; then migrated to Pennsylvania (which county?), where he married; and then settled near the village of Mount Solon in Augusta County, Virginia. His grave is in the Mossy Creek Presbyterian Church cemetery and designated by a headstone with the following inscription carved in crude but easily read letters: "Thomas Wooddell, died 1785, age 75." However, we know from his will (Book 6, Page 429) that he died between September 6, 1784 (when the will was written) and October 19, 1784 (date of probate). Alice, his widow, went to live with their son Joseph; her will, written in 1810 and probated in 1818, is recorded in the Bath County, Virginia, courthouse.

Thomas Wooddell (1709-1784) and Alice were the parents of eight children, all of whom were living when Alice's will was written in 1810. We do not know the order of their births: (1) Martha Wooddell, married Charles W. Hansel and settled in either Pendleton County, West Virginia, or Highland County, Virginia. (2) Jane Wooddell, married May 3, 1792, to Edward Irvin (or Ervin), son of Edward Irvin (or Ervin). (3) Joseph Wooddell (1752-1834), the subject of this sketch. (4) Thomas Wooddell (1759-1839), served in the Revolutionary War and signed his name Wooddell on his pension application in 1832, married Margaret Irvin (or Ervin), daughter of Edward Irvin (or Ervin), settled in that part of Greenbrier County which later became Mason County, West Virginia. (5) James Wooddell, ~~about whom we do not have~~ *see change* additional information. (6) Sarah Wooddell, married a Wallace, but we do not know his given name, where they settled, nor the names of their children. (7) Elizabeth Wooddell, who was single when her mother wrote her will in 1810. (8) John Wooddell (1767-1852), married January 31, 1791, to Elizabeth Irvin (1773-1834), daughter of Edward Irvin, settled on his father's farm in Augusta County. Additional information concerning these eight children of Thomas & Alice would be most welcomed.

Joseph Wooddell (1752-1834) enlisted in the militia and saw service in the Revolutionary War. The National Archives in Washington D. C., has a file containing documents submitted many years later in support of his successful application for a pension under the act of June 7, 1832. One of the documents in this file is a series of sworn statements on his behalf, the first of which was made before the court of Pocahontas County in 1832 to describe his service:

State of Virginia, Pocahontas County--At a Court held for Pocahontas County at the Court house thereof on the 4th day of September 1832 before the justices of the peace of the said County--Present--Benjamin Tallman, William Cackley, Robert H. Beale and Jacob Lightner gentlemen Justices.

State of Virginia, Pocahontas County--On this 3rd day of September 1832 personally appeared before the subscribers one of the commonwealth Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid. Joseph Wooddell a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged eighty years, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832:

That he entered the service of the United States in the year 1774 under Captain George Moffett and was stationed at Clover Lick to defend the Frontier settlements against the Indians for the Term of six weeks, being then a resident of & drafted from the Militia of August County Virginia.

That he again was drafted from the Militia as aforesaid & from the County aforesaid in the year (month of September) 1777 under the command of Captain George Moffett, Colonel J. Dickinson Commandant, & taken to Point Pleasant on the Ohio River against the Indians and Stationed there a short time, Period not precisely recollected But not to exceed Three months from the time of entering service untill discharged.

That he again was drafted from the Militia aforesaid and from the County as aforesaid in the year 1778, Commanded by Captain Cooper, Colonel Nevil's Regiment, General Woodford's Brigade, and he was marched from his place of Residence as aforesaid through the States of Pennsylvania, New York & New Jersey against the English army and Continued in the Service as a private soldier for Term of one year & discharged in the state of New Jersey at Middle Brook in the month of February 1779.

That he again was drafted from the Militia as aforesaid and from the County aforesaid in the year 1781 under the Command of Captain John Givens, Colonel William Bowyer, General Campbell, and General Lafayette Commanding, & marched from his place of residence to Richmond Va. against the English army who were then laying in that place & from there following the aforesaid English army to Williamsburg being in the Battles at Hot water & James Town and Continued in the service for the term of three months being the first Lieutenant in the Company aforesaid and then was discharged and that he has no knowledge of any Person now living who could testify to his services as aforesaid stated..

He hereby relinquishes every Claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension of any state.

Joseph Wooddell

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid and I do more over certify that the said Joseph Wooddell cannot from age and bodily infirmities attend the Court before the subscriber.

William Slaven

We John S. Blain, a clergyman, residing in the County of Pocahontas, and Benjamin Tallman residing in the same County, hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Joseph Wooddell who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration; that we believe him to be eighty years of age, that he is reputed and believed in the neighbourhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution, and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

John S. Blain

Benny Tallman

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion after the investigation of the matter and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier and served as he states. And the Court further certify that it appears to them that John S. Blain who has signed the preceeding certificate is a clergyman resident in the County aforesaid, and that Benjamin Tallman, who also signed the same is a resident in the said County and is a credible person, & that their statement is entitled to credit.

I Henry M. Moffett Clerk of the Court of Pocahontas County do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court in the matter of the application of Joseph Wooddell for a pension.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County office this 4th day of September 1832.

seal

H. M. Moffett

Joseph's pension was not granted immediately & a supporting statement by his younger brother John was added to the same application, being sworn before the Augusta County court.:

Augusta County to wit—I John Wooddell of the County of Augusta & State of Virginia after having first been sworn, Sayeth that I recollects of my brother Joseph Wooddell, now of the county of Pocahontas, having performed three

all
tours of service during the revolutionary war; & the indian war together.

His first tour of duty was against the Indians the particulars of time & place not distinctly recollected.

His second tour of service was for twelve months somewhere to the north; the place not recollected, nor can I recollect the officers that command on that occasion.

His third & last tour of service was below Richmond, the particular place not recollected. I think that the term of service was for three months. He was a Lieutenant in John Dickeys company. The superior officers not recollected and further this deponent sayeth not.

John Wooddell

Augusta County to wit—This day the above signed John Wooddell (sic) came before me a justice of the peace for the said county of Augusta and made oath to the above statement (sic), according to law. Witness my hand this eighth day of June 1833.

James A. McCue

I do farther certify that John Wooddell the subscribing witness to the above statement, lives in my immediate neighbourhood; that I have long been acquainted with him; that he is a credible person & that his statement may be relied on. Witness my hand & seal this 16th day of November 1833.

James A. McCue

Virginia to wit—I Jefferson Kinney, Clerk of the County Court of Augusta, do hereby certify that James A. McCue Esq. whose signatures appear to the within certificates, is a Justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid—duly commissioned and qualified according to law.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereto affixed my seal of office and subscribed my name this 6th day of December 1833 & in the 58th year of the Commonwealth.

Jefferson Kinney

The amended application was resubmitted to the Commissioner of Pensions, accompanied by the following letter in Joseph's own handwriting:

Travellers Repose Post Office
Pocahontas County, June 28th, 1833

Sir

In compliance with your instructions under date April 2nd returning my Declaration for amendment—the Department require me to give a more detailed account of the service of 78. I state to you, as in the declaration, that I now know of no person living who served with me any Tour set fourth as it Respects the service of 78. I have stated as fully as I now Recollect. I was in no Engagement during the years service and at the end of the year was dismissed by a General discharge By Genl. Washington Commander of the Army.

I herewith Enclose my Commission showing that I acted as first Lieutenant in the services of 81, under Competent authority, also enclosed you will have

the affidavit of a younger Brother who Recollects of my Different Enlistments & absence from my Residence.

I am now Laden with years & Infirmities & Consequently unable to attend the Court of my County to have a new Declaration drawn up & will Humbly Rest my case as the Papers now appear before the department.

I Remain your most Obedient & Humble Servt.

Joseph Wooddell

Unfortunately, the commission mentioned in Joseph's letter has been lost. His National Archives file contains a note to that effect:

S. F. 11883. Joseph Wooddell. Commission of Joseph Waddle as Lt. of a co. of Augusta Co. Va. militia, dated Aug. 15, 1780 and signed by Thomas Jefferson Governor has been removed from this case for safe keeping and may be found in the safe in the room of the Chief of the Old War & Navy Div. June 6, 1905.

Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826) was Governor of Virginia (1779-1781) before he became the third President of the United States (1801-1809). On the above note there is an added statement to the effect that Joseph's commission had been "sent to the Seattle Exposition, April 8, 1909". While visiting the National Archives, I inquired regarding the present whereabouts of the commission and was told that it was one of a number of documents sent to the Seattle Exposition for display which had not been returned to the National Archives. Chalkley (1, 216) cites Augusta County Order Book 17, page 265b, August 15, 1780, which records the fact that Joseph Waddle qualified as a lieutenant in John Dickey's company, and other Chalkley abstracts refer to Augusta County records which provide further evidence concerning the service of Joseph and his brother, Thomas Jr.

Joseph's application for a pension was finally approved and Certificate No. 23359 was issued January 17, 1834, at the Virginia Agency and mailed to him at Green Bank in Pocahontas County. On the back of Joseph's letter of December 24, 1833, a clerk in the pension office determined his annual pension of \$90 from the following calculation:

Amount:

15 mos. period—	50
3 mos. Lieut.—	<u>40</u>
	90

Certificate 23359 indicates that he had been paid \$270 by March 4, 1834, which was the only payment before his death later that year.

The above account exhausts my present knowledge of Joseph's war service, but undoubtedly a great deal more could be obtained from additional sources. Extensive records of the Augusta County units of the militia could probably be found in the courthouse at Staunton, the National Archives in Washington, and the office of the Adjutant General of Virginia. McAllister, the files of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and other sources have abstracted the statements of pension applicants, so anyone desiring to pursue the subject further could examine the National Archives files of Virginia applicants who served in the same units with Joseph. For example, Joseph's younger brother, Thomas, also served in Captain Dickey's company and his application provides details not mentioned by Joseph. Further information could also be obtained by consulting various sources about the careers of Joseph's commanders, particularly General Lafayette.

At the end of the war, Joseph Wooddell (1752-1834) was married to Elizabeth, who died in 1820, but I do not know the date or place of the marriage. My

is that the ceremony took place at Mossy Creek Presbyterian Church. I do not know when nor where Elizabeth was born nor what her maiden name was. One relative wrote in 1958 that she was Elizabeth Warwick, daughter of William Warwick and Nancy Craig. Another possibility is that she was Elizabeth McKemy, daughter of John McKemy (died 1789) and sister of Jean McKemy; John mentions a daughter Elizabeth in his will and leaves three pounds to a grandson named John Waddle. But, I do not have conclusive documentary evidence for either a Warwick or McKemy maiden name. Elizabeth apparently received very little formal education, since the Wooddell papers include a deed made jointly by Joseph and Elizabeth in which she made her mark rather than signing her name, and the fact that she could not write may account in part for the lack of family papers which tell of her ancestry.

Joseph Wooddell (1752-1834) and Elizabeth (died -1820) were the parents of eight children:

601. Thomas Wooddell
Born August 11, 1783, Augusta County.
Died July 1, 1860, Pocahontas County.
Married Mary (Polly) Blake, daughter of Thomas Blake & Jane Warwick.
602. Nancy Agnes Wooddell
Born December 13, 1785, Augusta County.
Died November 29, 1861, Pocahontas County.
Married June 17, 1805, Bath County Va. to James Cooper
(born January 16, 1780, Rockbridge County, Va.—died November 8, 1845, Pocahontas County), son of James Cooper (died -1781) & Jean McKemy. Jean was a daughter of John McKemy (died 1789) of Augusta County
603. John Wooddell
Born August 26, 1787, Augusta County.
Died June 10, 1865, Pocahontas County.
Married March 23, 1820, to Mary (Polly) Slaven (died January 9, 1843), daughter of John Slaven (1760-) & 2nd wife Elizabeth Warwick.
604. Joseph Wooddell, Jr.
Born October 3, 1789, Augusta County.
Died August 20, 1829, Beaver Township, Pike County, Ohio.
Married Priscilla Slaven, daughter of John Slaven (1760-) & 2nd wife Elizabeth Warwick.
605. Jane Wooddell
Born October 31, 1791, Augusta County, Va. Died December 18, 1870, Pike County, Ohio. Married to William Galford (born about 1785, Pocahontas County, W. Va.; died March 28, 1824, Pike County, Ohio).
606. Elizabeth Wooddell
Born October 5, 1794, Augusta County.
Died after 1860.
Unmarried, but left a son, William B. Wooddell (1825-1905).
607. James Wooddell
Born August 20, 1797, Augusta County.
Died June 21, 1885, Pocahontas County.
Married June 22, 1826, to Jane Warwick (born December 6, 1799—died March 10, 1884), daughter of Andrew Warwick (died -1821) & Elizabeth Craig (died -1832).
608. Margaret Jane (Peggy) Wooddell
Born June 27, 1800, probably Augusta County.

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Died November 3, 1837 (or 1836), Gilmer County, West Virginia.
Married 1819 to William Slaven (born July 6, 1798), son of
John Slaven (born 1760) & 2nd wife Elizabeth Warwick.

I am quite certain that Joseph and Elizabeth first settled in Augusta County and at least seven (if not all) of the above children were born there. Chalkley notes that in 1777 Joseph and his brother James acquired land from their parents, which was probably in the North River District of the county. Joseph and another brother (Thomas) also obtained land together, according to a document in the family papers. This document, which I assume was a copy of a deed, was dated September 18, 1798, and transferred 286 acres of land from Thomas Wooddell of Augusta County to James and Robert Curry of Augusta County, the price being 250 pounds. The land was located on "some of the watters of Thornybranch . . . part of which was conveyed to the sd. Thomas Wooddell by Thomas Wooddle Deceased and part a grant to sd. Thomas Wooddle & Joseph Wooddle". (Thorny Branch is a tributary of North River near the small village of Sangerville in the North River District of the county.)

I believe that Joseph & Elizabeth left Augusta County for what is now Green Bank, Pocahontas County, West Virginia, some time between 1800 and 1802. In 1800 the Augusta County Clerk, Charles Kinney, exempted Joseph Waddle "from the payment of Taxes, etc., on your slave", according to a receipt in the family papers. The year 1802 seems the most probably for the move, since there is a church letter in the family papers which was probably used to transfer membership from the Mossy Creek congregation to the Green Bank church during that year:

This is to certify that Joseph Waddal and his wife Elizabeth have lived in this congregation a number of years, free of Scandal, and are in full communion in the Church and that sd. J. Waddal has been a ruling Elder in the Church, by order of Session Mossey Creek April 25th 1802. Benjamin Irvin V D

At the time Joseph settled at Green Bank, the area was part of Bath County, Virginia, & thus some significant records, such as the 1805 marriage bond between James Cooper & Nancy Wooddell, are to be found in the courthouse at Warm Springs, Virginia. Green Bank became part of Pocahontas County when that Virginia county was formed in 1821, then in 1863 became part of the new state of West Virginia.

Joseph settled near the North Fork of Deer Creek (once known as Cartmell Creek) & built his log house at approximately 38° 24' 48" north latitude and 79° 49' 58" longitude, near the present home of his great-great-grandson, Mr. Forrest Wooddell (1894-1967). Some years ago the old log house was torn down, but Forrest Wooddell was born there and remembers it was heated by a fire place & chimney rather than by stove & was very cold in winter. Mr. Wooddell also remembers that square portholes were cut in the walls to afford protection against Indians, but these had been plugged up by the time he was born. The house had a large porch & a separate back shed for cooking which had a stove & chimney. Still standing, however, is Joseph's smokehouse, constructed from logs & boards cut in his sawmill. Some of the squared logs are 10 inches on the front face & one of the white pine boards in the door is 17 inches in width. Though Joseph's home & mode of life may not seem comfortable to his descendants today, we know from the extensive records he kept, which fortunately have been saved by each succeeding generation, that he was relatively well-to-do by the standards of Pocahontas County in the first third of the century. These records tell us something of his land holdings, his business operations, & his daily life.

As time went on, Joseph increased his acreage. Some of the land he eventually owned was granted first to Thomas Cartmell, later to Abraham Ingram, before being granted to Joseph and James McKemy. In the Wooddell papers the earliest land grant is labeled on the outside: "JAMES MCKEMY AND JOSEPH WOODDELL, 150 ACRES, BATH COUNTY, RECORDED AND X, BOOK 50, PAGE 100." On the inside, part of the document

printed and the rest handwritten; the printed part is capitalized in the follow-

I James Monroe, ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING: KNOW YE, THAT by virtue of a land office treasury warrant, number seventeen hundred and eighty five issued the 15th day of February 1796 THERE IS GRANTED BY THE SAID COMMONWEALTH, UNTO James McKemy and Joseph Wooddell assignee of Abraham Ingram who was entitled to one third in his own right and as assignee of John Blankenship & John Perdue for the residue. A CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, CONTAINING one hundred and fifty acres, by survey bearing date the eleventh day of May eighteen hundred, lying and being in the county of Bath on the water of Cartmell creek a branch of Greenbrier river and bounded as followeth to wit: beginning at two chesnuts S88W 32 poles to two chesnut oaks on a ridge S11E 80 poles to two chesnut and black oak N15E 16 poles to a spanish oak and hickory corner to said Ingram and with his line N23E 118 poles to a sugar tree and red oak on a line of said Ingrams new survey and with the same S60E 10 poles to three Ironwood saplings S74E 50 poles to two chesnuts S40E 150 poles, thence leaving said line S55W 140 poles to the beginning; WITH ITS APPURTENANCES: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD THE SAID TRACT OF PARCEL OF LAND WITH ITS APPURTENANCES, THE SAID James McKemy and Joseph Wooddell and THEIR HEIRS FOREVER.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE SAID James Monroe ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, HATH HEREUNTO SET HIS HAND, AND CAUSED THE LESSER SEAL OF THE SAID COMMONWEALTH TO BE AFFIXED AT RICHMOND, ON THE third DAY OF June IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND two AND OF THE COMMONWEALTH THE twentysixth.

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James Monroe

Later deeds in the Wooddell papers indicate that Joseph bought James McKemy's share in 1813, acquired considerable additional land, & then gave parcels to each of his several sons before his death in 1834.

In addition to farming his land, Joseph used the waters of Deer Creek to provide power for a saw mill, a feed mill, a blacksmith shop, and a still. The mill races for these operations can be traced today. To keep the records for these enterprises, Joseph made an account book by folding a sheaf of paper, then sewing with heavy thread down the crease in the center. In this crude book are entries from 1813 to 1832, each with the date, the name of the customer, the goods or services provided, and the price in either dollars or pounds. Some typical entries are given because they provide information concerning the lives of the early settlers of Pocahontas County:

The following is an account of Plank Sawed for Daniel kerr in June 1814 by me Joseph Wooddell:

To 5 quarter plank	598 feet
To Inch Plank	1022
To 3/4 Plank for covering	386
To Plank for wagon body	251
To inch Plank for petition	559

James Cooper, In for Sawing in 1815 & 1816:

To 5/4 planks 765 feet
To Inch do 1053—
To 3/4 do 490—
To 15 Joice
To Scaffold & Slab Plank
To Scantling for bedsteads

L	s	d
1	3	0
1	6	0
0	10	3
	3	0
	3	0

James Cooper—June 23, 1825

To 1/2 Bu. Corn
To 2 Bu. Corn
To 1 Sickle
Cr. by Cash
To 2 Bu. Rye

L	s	d
0	1	6
0	6	0
0	3	0
0	6	0
0	6	0

June 30th 1826. David Clayton. Dn to Boarding and horse feed and stableage for his brother Richard \$5. Cr. by 2 mares to his horse at \$2.50 each—\$5.

Many other accounts are listed in Joseph's book and in the Wooddell family papers. In 1827 he drew up specifications for building a church and probably cut the required lumber. He kept cattle and entered records of their pasturing, mentions beef, hides and furs. He made five to ten pound loans of salt to neighbors, of which this entry is typical: "October 6, 1823. Lent to Elizabeth Warrick 11 lbs. Salt with the apron". He made wagon parts, bedstead parts, and frequently mentioned "cherry plank". He billed Charles Martin in March, 1825, for: "To 3 1/2 gallons Whisky, 0-10-6". In April, 1829, he let John Sutton have "one plough Sheer Weight 12 lbs. for which he was to give me the same Weight of new Iron—he paid". He also charged one neighbor for "3 1/2 days work in haytime, 0-10-6". Some other activities for which he presented bills were:

Halling wood to the lime kiln one day	0	9	0
Halling lime 2 days	1	4	0
Halling stone 2 days	1	16	0
13 days making brick	0	19	6
1 day attendance in mortar	0	3	0
18 1/2 days attendance making the Brick Kiln	0	2	3
Halling a load of shingles	0	9	0

Joseph Wooddell apparently made trips of some distance for supplies, as several shopping lists are entered. The following was "for James Cooper," his son-in-law: 3 lb. Coffee, 1 Coffee pot, 1 Pepper Box, 3 Tea Cups & Sassers, 1 wearing hankerchief, 5 yds yellow Flannen 1 yrd and half quarter wide, 1/2 lb Pepper. Other items on other lists included: 2 lb chocolet, 3 yds muslin, 6 lbs Cotton, 1 Sheet Pins, 1 Small thimble, 1 Bandany hankerchief, 1 Shoehammer, 1 Sett fine Niting needles, 1 Spelling book, Some writering paper.

These records present hints as to what life was like in the early days of Pocahontas County and also show that Joseph Wooddell was active in the commerce of the region. Judging by the number of wills, deeds, and other documents he prepared for other people, copies of which are in the family papers, he must have been one of

few men in the County of his generation who could write well. We know that some of his contemporaries could not write their own names (and made their marks on legal documents) and that many others could write only their own signatures. Joseph prepared two wills for himself, the first in 1822 and the second in 1832, and these documents give further evidence as to his activities and station in life. The 1822 will, in his own handwriting, reads as follows:

In the name of God Amen the Twelfth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and Twenty Two I Joseph Wooddell Senr. of the County of Pocahontas and State of Virginia being now in health of Body and of perfect mind and Memory thanks be given unto god for the Same but now I am taking a Journey to the State of Ohio and Considering that I am therefore in a particular manner Exposed to death as well as of the natural mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die I do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in the manner and form following that is all my real and personal Estate I do will and bequeath as hereafter directed Viz first my funeral and just debts to be paid and all my Lands in this County Containing three hundred and fourteen Acres more or less Lying and being in the County aforesaid adjoining the Lands of Jacob Warrick junr. Jacob Gillespie John Hogshead and others I will and bequeath to Two of my Sons that is John and James Wooddell to them and their heirs forever John Wooddell to have the Lower End adjoining Jacob Warricks Land to Begin on the out Side Line on the South Side of my Land opposite to what we Call the old Still house place and a Line from there across to the Creek that Come down through my meadow to Come past the old Still house place thence down the Creek till near the Lower End of my pasture then across the Lower End of the pasture and upon other Branch of the Creek to the South East Corner of my potato patch that is now then down the way that we Staked it towards the upper Corner of Johns new field about forty rods down from the Said Corner of the potato patch then Square across the Bottom to Jacob Gillespies Line and James Wooddell to have the upper End adjoining Jacob Gillespies and John Hogsheads Lands with the Buildings and improvements that is on it Excepting John Wooddell to have the privilege of doing his own grinding and Sawing with the mills upon Conditions that he gives Some help towards keeping them in order my Lands in the State of Ohio pike County Beaver Township Containing one hundred and Sixty acres it being one quarter Section I will and bequeath to my son Joseph Wooddell and his heirs forever upon Condition that he makes his Brother James Wooddell a rite to his part of the one hundred and Thirty Eight acres which I gave to him and his Brother John Lying in this County also I will and bequeath to my Son Joseph the following property Viz the Brown mare and Colts that has been calld his and one Cow and Colt the Smiths anvil and Vice ax matock and hoe and a Set of plough Irons one bed and a Light wagon to move with himself to assist in providing the wagon his Brother James to assist him in providing money to move with and as Soon as would be convenient Some money to help him in improving his Land the time not to Exceed four years my Son James to have the following property the Sorral filly that has been Calld his and roan Colt that came of Betseys mare and Cattle Sheep and hogs Sufficient for the Support of the family while Together my wagon ploughs Cross-cut Saw broad ax and Tools necessary for farming I wish to be kept on the place my house and kitchen furniture To be kept for the benefit of the family my son James to have my desk & Clock to my Daughter Elisabeth I will and bequeath as follows the Sorral mare that has been Calld hers and the young Sorral mare that came of her mare my walnut Chest Bed and Bedding all the coverings that She provided for her Self and if She Lives to alter her Station of Living I allow her to have five or Six head of Cattle five or Six head of Sheep dresser furniture and Some pots all her own Cloaths and necessary articles Else not menthioned I wish her to have a peaceable Living in my house while in the Station that she is as she has been Very good to me Since her mothers death my Cloath I wish to be divided Equally amongst my four sons my wife that was I allow her Cloaths to be divided Equally between my Three daughters that is here as Jane

has got her part of them my Negro woman Liz to be kept here while James and Elisabeth remains Single and when they both Change their Station her to be appraised and then will and bequeath her to my four daughters one of them to keep her and pay the other three Each one a fourth of her Value and Charles to be kept on the place and treated as he has been my four work horses to be kept on the place while the family is Together or Except there might be need to Sell one to pay Debts Joseph to have one of them to help him in moving if he needs one my Books I allow Each one of my Children to get a part of them I do not wish any of my property to be Sold Except it is Stock to pay debts of my Contracting and at the marriage of my Son and daughter James and Elisabeth whatever is Left after my debts are paid and what I Left to my Three Children that is yet here that is Joseph James and Elisabeth Wooddell I allow to be Equally Divided amongst all my Children to them and their heirs forever, and I do hereby nominate Constitute and appoint Three of my Sons John Joseph and James Wooddell or any Two of them that Stays in this County Executors of this my Last will and Testament Revoking Disanuling and Disallowing all other and former will and wills by me made whether by word or writing allowing approving Ratifying and Confirming this only as my Last will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal the day and year first above written Signed Sealed published pronounced and Delivered by the Said Joseph Wooddell sen^r as his Last will and Testament in the presence of

witnessed, before signed,

Test

Joseph Wooddell sen^r

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Benjamin Tallman
William Warwick

Joseph Wooddell's second & final will was prepared in 1832, eighteen months before his death, is in the handwriting of James Cooper (1780-1845), his son-in-law, and is available in the Pocahontas County courthouse (will book 1, page 438):

In the Name of God Amen I Joseph Wooddell Senr. of the County of Pocahontas and State of Virginia being Weak in body But of sound mind and Memory, and Considering the Mortality of the human Body and knowing that it is appointed for all men Once to Die do make this my Last Will & Testament Revoking all Others.— First I recommend my Soul to God who gave it my Body to be Decently Buried in a Christian like manner, and after my Burial Expenses are paid and all my other Just Debts are punctually paid I Will & Bequeath the Ballance of my property Both real & personal in form following:—To my son James Wooddell I will and bequeath all my land in the County of Pocahontas lying on the Waters of Deer Creek Containing One hundred & thirty nine Acres to him and his heirs forever together with all the Improvements thereon—also my Roan horse & Waggon & Gears and all my farming utensils Consisting of ploughs, Gears, Harrow, & hoes, also my Cross Cut Saw & one large Kettle—also my Clock & Desk—and my Share of the Smith Tools—To my Daughter Betsy Wooddell or her heirs I will & bequeath my young Roan mare, three Cows, Six head of Sheep, two beds, Bedsteads & Bed Cloaths, also my Walnut Chest and one trunk—One ten Gallon Kettle, one three gallon pot, also her Choice of my Ovens, & all my Dresser furniture. And further I reserve the sole use of my Back Shed for my Daughter Betsy While she may live single and also my son James is to furnish feed for two head of horses, three cows & six head of Sheep for said Betsy While she may live single—My Negro Woman Liz I allow to be appraised & one of my four Daughters to take her at the appraisal and pay each one of my Other three Daughters One fourth of her appraisal as for my negro man Charles I allow my son James to maintain him his lifetime my Wearing Apparel I allow to be

Equally Divided among my four Sons or their heirs—My Books I allow to be Equally Divided amongst my Eight Children or their heirs.—I allow my son James to have my Stock of Hogs, and in Consideration of the former bequeath my son James is to furnish my daughter Betsy & her son William a reasonable Supply of flour or Meal & Meat during the time She May Live single or untill William be put to a trade.—My son James & my Daughter Betsy to have my loom & all the tacklings.—To my Grand Daughter Betsy McKemy Cooper I Will & Bequeath One good young Cow.—The Ballance of my property that I may Die in possession of I allow to be sold at public sale the proceeds of Which together with what money may be on hand I allow to be Equally Divided amongst my Eight Children or their Heirs.—And in Case the money is drawn for my services during the Revolution war I allow the heirs of my son Joseph & the heirs of my Daughter Jane to have thirty Dollars that is to say the Heirs of Joseph to have fifteen Dollars & the heirs of Jane to have fifteen Dollars to be Equally Divided Between them.—Lastly I Constitute and appoint my son James & James Cooper executors of this my Last Will and Testament. In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this third day of December One thousand Eight Hundred & Thirty two & 57 year of the Commonwealth.

Joseph Wooddell Senr.

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Witnesses present: Jacob Gum, Samuel Given, Patrick Bruffey, Jacob Warwick.

Several of the objects mentioned in Joseph's two wills are now in the possession of Clyde Wardel Wooddell (1918-), great-great-great-grandson of Joseph & son of Forrest. On my visit to Green Bank, I was shown Joseph's desk, clock, plane, auger, & other tools & household items. One of the most interesting items was the lock & key, still in good working order, from the front door of Joseph's log house. Most of these items were probably fashioned by Joseph himself & manifest a high caliber of workmanship. I hope that these items & Joseph's papers will remain in the family for a long time or be given to a museum with a good historical collection concerning West Virginia.

Charles & Liz, the two slaves mentioned in the will, were buried on the Wooddell farm. Mr. Forrest Wooddell, Mr. Hamed, & I are fairly certain we found their graves marked by field stones on a hill top. Charles lived to an advanced age—perhaps over 100—and in his last years spent most of his time fishing in a spot in Deer Creek which is still called the "Charley Hole". The two slaves were offered their freedom several times, but refused it. After the death of Joseph, the other heirs turned their interests in the slaves over to James Wooddell, who remained on the home place, as is shown in the following document in the family papers:

Know all men by these presents that I James Cooper & Nancy his wife Jane Galford Betsy Wooddell & William Slaven & Peggy his wife for and in Consideration of the Sum of one Dollar to them in hand paid By James Wooddell at & Before the sealing and delivery of these presents (the Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge) have Bargained and sold & By these presents do grant Bargain & sell to the said James Wooddell a Certain female Negro Slave named Liss aged Forty years to have & to hold the Said Negro Slave to the only proper use of the said James Wooddell his Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns forever, & the said James Cooper & Nancy his wife Jane Galford Betsy Wooddell & William Slaven & Peggy his wife for themselves & their heirs Executors & Administrators the said Negro Slave to the said James Wooddell against the Claim or Claims of all and Every person whatsoever will warrant and for Ever defend in witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands & affixed our seals this day of 1835.

James Cooper
Nancy Cooper

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Jane Galford
Betsy Wooddell

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According to the James & Jane Wooddell family Bible, Elizabeth died on April 6, 1820, & her husband Joseph died on July 26, 1834. The date of Joseph's death is confirmed by a letter giving the same date in his file at the National Archives. The place of Joseph & Elizabeth's burial is not known. Forrest Wooddell was able to locate the graves of the slaves because his father, many years ago, had pointed out the spot, but he does not remember ever being shown where his great-great-grandparents were buried.

Notes

My present address (March 1970) is: Dr. Homer C. Cooper, 145 Pendleton Drive, Athens, Georgia 30601. Any new address can be obtained from: Alumni Association, Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, or Alumni Records, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan. I welcome new Wooddell information or inquiries at any time!

Mr. Forrest Wooddell of Green Bank, West Virginia, whose consultation and Wooddell papers contributed greatly to the preparation of this paper, died September 4, 1967. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Neva Belle Taylor Wooddell, and their four children: Clyde Wardel Wooddell (born 1918), Forrest Harold Wooddell (born 1928), James Edward Wooddell (born 1931), and Mary Margaret Wooddell (born 1939).

The National Archives, Washington, D. C. 20408, has Revolutionary War service files for: (1) Joseph Wooddell (1752-1834), whose file is S.F.11883. (2) His brother, Thomas Wooddell (1759-1839), who spelled the surname differently, file 11697. The National Archives also has the documents by which Joseph Wooddell took possession of his land grant, for Revolutionary War services, in Pike County, Ohio, in 1822, then transferred the land to his son, Joseph Wooddell (1789-1829).

Further information concerning the Revolutionary War services of Joseph Wooddell (spelled Waddell, Waddle, Woodle, etc., in some of the records) and his commanders, named on Pages 2-4 of this paper, can be found in: (1) Joseph T. McAllister, VIRGINIA MILITIA IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR, McAllister Publishing Company, Hot Springs, Virginia, 1913. Library of Congress call number: E263.V8M13. See pages 10, 18-19, 182-183, & 185. (2) John H. Gwathmey, HISTORICAL REGISTER OF VIRGINIANS IN THE REVOLUTION, Dietz Press, Richmond, Virginia, 1938. Library of Congress call number: E263.V8G9. See pages 83, 126, 223, 310, 556, 797, 844, 865, & 871.

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Several sources, enumerated below, furnish additional information--not always accurately!--concerning Thomas Wooddell (1709-1784) & Alice, Joseph Wooddell (1752-1834) & Elizabeth (died 1820), and their descendants and collateral relatives.

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Although these volumes are available in many major libraries across the nation, I have added the Library of Congress call number, as I did to the McAllister and Gwathmey volumes cited above, to all but the first reference so that the reader who cannot find a given volume in a nearby library can order photocopies for a reasonable fee. To order photocopies, give the complete reference, including volume (where necessary), pages, and call number, from: Photoduplication Section, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C. 20540.

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Change on page 2:

(3) James Wooddell (1751-1814), married June 28, 1786, to Ann Stephenson (born 1766), daughter of Adam Stephenson (1735-1789), and settled in Pickaway County, Ohio.

Note the change in the order of the children on page 2.

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To: My Wooddell Relatives
 From: Dr. Homer C. Cooper, 145 Pendleton Drive, Athens, Georgia 30601
 Re: Our ancestors, Joseph Wooddell (1752-1834) and wife Elizabeth of Augusta County, Virginia, and Pocahontas County, West Virginia

As many of you know, I am preparing a brief paper concerning the history of our Cooper, Wooddell, Whitman, & McKemy ancestors, & plan to distribute copies among you when it is completed. I hope you will read this rough draft carefully & let me know if you have suggestions or additional material to add.

This paper will be concerned with Joseph Wooddell and his wife, Elizabeth, two of our ancestors of the seventh generation. My principal source of information concerning them consists of the Wooddell family papers, now in the possession of Mr. & Mrs. Forrest Wooddell of Green Bank, Pocahontas County, West Virginia. I had the pleasure of cordial visits with the Wooddell family in September, 1958, and am grateful to them for granting permission to copy the family documents quoted hereinafter. I am also deeply indebted to Mr. Rockford N. Hamed, a native of Green Bank but now a resident of Alexandria, Virginia, and his parents for very generous hospitality, including driving me from Washington to Green Bank, introducing me to the Wooddells, sharing their home and extensive knowledge of Pocahontas County, and making the visit to Green Bank enjoyable in every possible way. Any merit this section has is due to the generosity of the Hameds and the Wooddells.

In addition to the Wooddell family papers, several other sources have been consulted: a file in the National Archives concerning Joseph's Revolutionary War Services, Joseph's will in the Pocahontas County courthouse, U. S. census records, and scattered references in Chalkley and Price. In quoting from these sources I will spell the family name as rendered by the county or census official or family member who prepared the document under consideration at the moment, so the reader will find Woodle, Woodell, Waddle, and other variations scattered throughout the following pages. Joseph himself used the form "Wooddell" consistently for his signature and this spelling is used on the headstone over his father's grave.

I also received information by correspondence from members of the family too numerous to acknowledge by name. I hope they will consider this essay part payment for their kindness.

Joseph Wooddell was born about 1752, but I cannot establish the exact date or place of his birth. He gave his age as 80 in his sworn declaration of 1832 when qualifying for a Revolutionary War pension. He probably was born in Augusta County, Virginia and at least spent most of his early years there. Thomas Wooddell, Jr. (1759-1839), a younger brother of Joseph, testified that he (Thomas) was born in Augusta County in August, 1759, in his own declaration for a pension, so I am certain that if Joseph was not born in Augusta County, he at least was living there by the time he was seven years of age. If I can judge by land transactions abstracted in Chalkley and other evidence, the Wooddells must have lived in the North River District of Augusta County.

Joseph Wooddell (1752-1834) was the son of Thomas Wooddell, Senior, and Alese (or Elise) Wooddell. Considerable information concerning Thomas, Sr., can be obtained by consulting references to him under various spellings of the family name in the indexes to the Chalkley volumes, and I suspect that a great deal more could be learned by examining the original documents referred to in the Augusta

County courthouse and the church records of the Mossy Creek Presbyterian Church (founded 1768), the Tinkling Spring Meeting House, and the Bethel Meeting House. According to the abstracts in Chalkley, Thomas, Sr., and Elias had the following children: James, Joseph (1752-1834), Thomas (born Augusta County, August, 1759; died Mason County, February 20, 1839), John (living Augusta County as late as 1833), Elizabeth, Martha, Jane, a fourth daughter, and possibly another son. In 1958, Mr. Rockford N. Hamed and I paid a brief visit to the cemetery of the Mossy Creek Presbyterian Church at Mossy Creek in the North River District section of Augusta County and found a headstone with the following inscription carved in crude but easily read letters: "Thomas Wooddell, died 1785, age 75". Over the years the monument had sunk so far into the ground that we could not determine whether similar information was given for his wife. According to Chalkley (I, 171), which cites Augusta County Will Book 6, page 429, the will of Thomas Waddle (Waddell), Sr., was written on September 6, 1784, and proved October 19, 1784, so it appears that the father of Joseph died in 1784. With regard to the discrepancy in the dates of death, I am inclined to believe that the engraver at Mossy Creek made a mistake of one year on the stone rather than that there were two elderly persons named Thomas Wooddell who died a year apart. Raising the sunken monument to determine whether the wife's name is given on the bottom half would provide one possible resolution to this issue.

Joseph Wooddell (1752-1834) enlisted in the militia and saw service in the Revolutionary War. The National Archives in Washington D. C., has a file containing documents submitted many years later in support of his successful application for a pension under the act of June 7, 1832. One of the documents in this file is a series of sworn statements on his behalf, the first of which was made before the court of Pocahontas County in 1832 to describe his service:

State of Virginia, Pocahontas County--At a Court held for Pocahontas County at the Court house thereof on the 4th day of September 1832 before the justices of the peace of the said County--Present--Benjamin Tallman, William Cackley, Robert H. Beale and Jacob Lightner gentlemen Justices.

State of Virginia, Pocahontas County--On this 3rd day of September 1832 personally appeared before the subscribers one of the commonwealth Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid. Joseph Wooddell a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged eighty years, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832:

That he entered the service of the United States in the year 1774 under Captain George Moffett and was stationed at Clover Lick to defend the Frontier settlements against the Indians for the Term of six weeks, being then a resident of & drafted from the Militia of August County Virginia.

That he again was drafted from the Militia as aforesaid & from the County aforesaid in the year (month of September) 1777 under the command of Captain George Moffett, Colonel J. Dickinson Commandant, & taken to Point Pleasant on the Ohio River against the Indians and Stationed there a short time, Period not precisely recollected But not to exceed Three months from the time of entering service untill discharged.

That he again was drafted from the Militia aforesaid and from the County as aforesaid in the year 1778, Commanded by Captain Cooper, Colonel Nevil's Regiment, General Woodford's Brigade, and he was marched from his place of Residence as aforesaid through the States of Pennsylvania, New York & New Jersey against the English army and Continued in the Service as a private soldier for Term of one year & discharged in the state of New Jersey at Middle Brook in the month of February 1779.

That he again was drafted from the Militia as aforesaid and from the County aforesaid in the year 1781 under the Command of Captain John Givens, Colonel William Bowyer, General Campbell, and General Lafayette Commanding, & marched from his place of residence to Richmond Va. against the English army who were then laying in that place & from there following the aforesaid English army to Williamsburg being in the Battles at Hot water & James Town and Continued in the service for the term of three months being the first Lieutenant in the Company aforesaid and then was discharged and that he has no knowledge of any Person now living who could testify to his services as aforesaid stated.

He hereby relinquishes every Claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension of any state.

Joseph Wooddell

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid and I do more over certify that the said Joseph Wooddell cannot from age and bodily infirmities attend the Court before the subscriber.

William Slaven

We John S. Blain, a clergyman, residing in the County of Pocahontas, and Benjamin Tallman residing in the same County, hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Joseph Wooddell who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration; that we believe him to be eighty years of age, that he is reputed and believed in the neighbourhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution, and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

John S. Blain

Benny Tallman

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion after the investigation of the matter and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier and served as he states. And the Court further certify that it appears to them that John S. Blain who has signed the preceeding certificate is a clergyman resident in the County aforesaid, and that Benjamin Tallman, who also signed the same is a resident in the said County and is a credible person, & that their statement is entitled to credit.

I Henry M. Moffett Clerk of the Court of Pocahontas County do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court in the matter of the application of Joseph Wooddell for a pension.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County office this 4th day of September 1832.

seal

H. M. Moffett

Joseph's pension was not granted immediately & a supporting statement by his younger brother John was added to the same application, being sworn before the Augusta County court.

Augusta County to wit--I John Wooddell of the County of Augusta & State of Virginia after having first been sworn, Sayeth that I recollects of my brother Joseph Wooddell, now of the county of Pocahontas, having performed three

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tours of service during the revolutionary war, & the indian war together.

His first tour of duty was against the Indians the particulars of time & place not distinctly recollected.

His second tour of service was for twelve months somewhere to the north; the place not recollected, nor can I recollect the officers that command on that occasion.

His third & last tour of service was below Richmond, the particular place not recollected. I think that the term of service was for three months. He was a Lieutenant in John Dickey's company. The superior officers not recollected and further this deponent sayeth not.

John Wooddell

Augusta County to wit—This day the above signed John Wooddell (sic) came before me a justice of the peace for the said county of Augusta and made oath to the above statement (sic), according to law. Witness my hand this eighth day of June 1833.

James A. McCue

I do farther certify that John Wooddell the subscribing witness to the above statement, lives in my immediate neighbourhood; that I have long been acquainted with him; that he is a credible person & that his statement may be relied on. Witness my hand & seal this 16th day of November 1833.

James A. McCue

Virginia to wit—I Jefferson Kinney, Clerk of the County Court of Augusta, do hereby certify that James A. McCue Esq. whose signatures appear to the within certificates, is a Justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid—duly commissioned and qualified according to law.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereto affixed my seal of office and subscribed my name this 6th day of December 1833 & in the 58th year of the Commonwealth.

Jefferson Kinney

The amended application was resubmitted to the Commissioner of Pensions, accompanied by the following letter in Joseph's own handwriting:

Travellers Repose Post Office
Pocahontas County, June 28th, 1833

Sir

In compliance with your instructions under date April 2nd returning my Declaration for amendment—the Department require me to give a more detailed account of the service of 78. I state to you, as in the declaration, that I now know of no person living who served with me any Tour set forth as it respects the service of 78. I have stated as fully as I now Recollect. I was in no Engagement during the years service and at the end of the year was dismissed by a General discharge By Genl. Washington Commander of the Army.

I herewith Enclose my Commission showing that I acted as first Lieutenant in the services of 81, under Competent authority, also enclosed you will have

the affidavit of a younger Brother who Recollects of my Different Enlistments & absence from my Residence.

I am now Laden with years & Infirmities & Consequently unable to attend the Court of my County to have a new Declaration drawn up & will Humbly Rest my case as the Papers now appear before the department.

I Remain your most Obedient & Humble Servt.

Joseph Wooddell

Unfortunately, the commission mentioned in Joseph's letter has been lost. His National Archives file contains a note to that effect:

S. F. 11883. Joseph Wooddell. Commission of Joseph Waddle as Lt. of a co. of Augusta Co. Va. militia, dated Aug. 15, 1780 and signed by Thomas Jefferson Governor has been removed from this case for safe keeping and may be found in the safe in the room of the Chief of the Old War & Navy Div. June 6, 1905.

Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826) was Governor of Virginia (1779-1781) before he became the third President of the United States (1801-1809). On the above note there is an added statement to the effect that Joseph's commission had been "sent to the Seattle Exposition, April 8, 1909". While visiting the National Archives, I inquired regarding the present whereabouts of the commission and was told that it was one of a number of documents sent to the Seattle Exposition for display which had not been returned to the National Archives. Chalkley (1, 216) cites Augusta County Order Book 17, page 265b, August 15, 1780, which records the fact that Joseph Waddle qualified as a lieutenant in John Dickey's company, and other Chalkley abstracts refer to Augusta County records which provide further evidence concerning the service of Joseph and his brother, Thomas Jr.

Joseph's application for a pension was finally approved and Certificate No. 23359 was issued January 17, 1834, at the Virginia Agency and mailed to him at Green Bank in Pocahontas County. On the back of Joseph's letter of December 24, 1833, a clerk in the pension office determined his annual pension of \$90 from the following calculation:

Amount:	
15 mos. period---	50
3 mos. Lieut.---	40
	<u>90</u>

Certificate 23359 indicates that he had been paid \$270 by March 4, 1834, which was the only payment before his death later that year.

The above account exhausts my present knowledge of Joseph's war service, but undoubtedly a great deal more could be obtained from additional sources. Extensive records of the Augusta County units of the militia could probably be found in the courthouse at Staunton, the National Archives in Washington, and the office of the Adjutant General of Virginia. McAllister, the files of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and other sources have abstracted the statements of pension applicants, so anyone desiring to pursue the subject further could examine the National Archives files of Virginia applicants who served in the same units with Joseph. For example, Joseph's younger brother, Thomas, also served in Captain Dickey's company and his application provides details not mentioned by Joseph. Further information could also be obtained by consulting various sources about the careers of Joseph's commanders, particularly General Lafayette.

At the end of the war, Joseph Wooddell (1752-1834) was married to Elizabeth (_____) (-1820), but I do not know the date or place of the marriage. My

guess is that the ceremony took place at Mossy Creek Presbyterian Church. I do not know when nor where Elizabeth was born nor what her maiden name was. One relative wrote in 1958 that she was Elizabeth Warwick, daughter of William Warwick and Nancy Craig. Another possibility is that she was Elizabeth McKemy, daughter of John McKemy (-1789) and sister of Jean McKemy; John mentions a daughter Elizabeth in his will and leaves three pounds to a grandson named John Waddle. But, I do not have conclusive documentary evidence for either a Warwick or McKemy maiden name. Elizabeth apparently received very little formal education, since the Wooddell papers include a deed made jointly by Joseph and Elizabeth in which she made her mark rather than signing her name, and the fact that she could not write may account in part for the lack of family papers which tell of her ancestry.

Joseph Wooddell (1752-1834) and Elizabeth (-1820) were the parents of eight children:

- 601 Thomas Wooddell
Born August 11, 1783, Augusta County.
Died July 1, 1860, Pocahontas County.
Married Mary Polly Blake?, daughter of Thomas Blake & Jane Warwick, acc. to Clerk, 278.
- 602 Nancy Agnes Wooddell
Born December 13, 1785, Augusta County.
Died November 29, 1861, Pocahontas County.
Married June 17, 1805, Bath County Va. to James Cooper
(born January 16, 1780, Rockbridge County, Va.—died November 8, 1845, Pocahontas County), son of James Cooper (-1781) & Jean McKemy.
- 603 John Wooddell
Born August 26, 1787, Augusta County.
Died June 10, 1865, Pocahontas County.
Married March 23, 1820, to Mary (Polly) Slaven (died January 9, 1843), daughter of John Slaven (1760-) & 2nd wife Elizabeth Warwick.
- 604 Joseph Wooddell, Jr.
Born October 3, 1789, Augusta County.
Died August 20, 1829, Beaver Township, Pike County, Ohio.
Married Priscilla Slaven, daughter of John Slaven (1760-) & 2nd wife Elizabeth Warwick.
- 605 Jane Wooddell
Born October 31, 1791, Augusta County.
Died sometime after 1835.
Married John Galford.
- 606 Elizabeth Wooddell
Born October 5, 1794, Augusta County.
Died after 1860.
Unmarried, but left a son, William B. Wooddell.
- 607 James Wooddell
Born August 20, 1797, Augusta County.
Died June 21, 1885, Pocahontas County.
Married June 22, 1826, to Jane Warwick (born December 6, 1799—died March 10, 1884), daughter of Andrew Warwick (-1821) & Elizabeth Craig (-1832).
- 608 Margaret Jane (Peggy) Wooddell
Born June 27, 1800, probably Augusta County.

Died November 3, 1837

Married 1819 to William Slaven (born July 6, 1798), son of John Slaven
(1760-) & 2nd wife Elizabeth Warwick

died 1832? See Minton

I am quite certain that Joseph and Elizabeth first settled in Augusta County and at least seven (if not all) of the above children were born there. Chalkley notes that in 1777 Joseph and his brother James acquired land from their parents, which was probably in the North River District of the county. Joseph and another brother (Thomas) also obtained land together, according to a document in the family papers. This document, which I assume was a copy of a deed, was dated September 18, 1798, and transferred 286 acres of land from Thomas Wooddell of Augusta County to James and Robert Curry of Augusta County, the price being 250 pounds. The land was located on "some of the watters of Thornybranch . . . part of which was conveyed to the sd. Thomas Wooddell by Thomas Wooddle Deceased and part a grant to sd. Thomas Wooddle & Joseph Wooddle". (Thorny Branch is a tributary of North River near the small village of Sangerville in the North River District of the county.)

I believe that Joseph & Elizabeth left Augusta County for what is now Green Bank, Pocahontas County, West Virginia, some time between 1800 and 1802. In 1800 the Augusta County Clerk, Charles Kinney, exempted Joseph Waddle "from the payment of Taxes, etc., on your slave", according to a receipt in the family papers. The year 1802 seems the most probably for the move, since there is a church letter in the family papers which was probably used to transfer membership from the Mossy Creek congregation to the Green Bank church during that year:

This is to certify that Joseph Waddal and his wife Elizabeth have lived in this congregation a number of years, free of Scandal, and are in full communion in the Church and that sd. J. Waddal has been a ruling Elder in the Church, by order of Session Mossey Creek April 25th 1802. Benjamin Irvin V D

At the time Joseph settled at Green Bank, the area was part of Bath County, Virginia, & thus some significant records, such as the 1805 marriage bond between James Cooper & Nancy Wooddell, are to be found in the courthouse at Warm Springs, Virginia. Green Bank became part of Pocahontas County when that Virginia county was formed in 1821, then in 1863 became part of the new state of West Virginia.

Joseph settled near the North Fork of Deer Creek (once known as Cartmell Creek) & built his log house at approximately 38° 24' 48" north latitude and 79° 49' 58" longitude, near the present home of his great-great-grandson, Mr. Forrest Wooddell (1894-). Some years ago the old log house was torn down, but Forrest Wooddell was born there and remembers it was heated by a fire place & chimney rather than by stove & was very cold in winter. Mr. Wooddell also remembers that square portholes were cut in the walls to afford protection against Indians, but these had been plugged up by the time he was born. The house had a large porch & a separate back shed for cooking which had a stove & chimney. Still standing, however, is Joseph's smokehouse, constructed from logs & boards cut in his sawmill. Some of the squared logs are 10 inches on the front face & one of the white pine boards in the door is 17 inches in width. Though Joseph's home & mode of life may not seem comfortable to his descendants today, we know from the extensive records he kept, which fortunately have been saved by each succeeding generation, that he was relatively well-to-do by the standards of Pocahontas County in the first third of the century. These records tell us something of his land holdings, his business operations, & his daily life.

As time went on, Joseph increased his acreage. Some of the land he eventually owned was granted first to Thomas Cartmell, later to Abraham Ingram, before being granted to Joseph and James McKeny. In the Wooddell papers the earliest land grant is labeled on the outside: "JAMES MCKENY AND JOSEPH WOODDELL, 150 ACRES, BATH COUNTY, RECORDED AND X, BOOK 50, PAGE 100." On the inside, part of the document

is printed and the rest handwritten; the printed part is capitalized in the following:

I James Monroe, ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING: KNOW YE, THAT by virtue of a land office treasury warrant, number seventeen hundred and eighty five issued the 15th day of February 1796 THERE IS GRANTED BY THE SAID COMMONWEALTH, UNTO James McKemy and Joseph Wooddell assignee of Abraham Ingram who was entitled to one third in his own right and as assignee of John Blankenship & John Perdue for the residue. A CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, CONTAINING one hundred and fifty acres, by survey bearing date the eleventh day of May eighteen hundred, lying and being in the county of Bath on the water of Cartmell creek a branch of Greenbrier river and bounded as followeth to wit: beginning at two chesnuts S88W 32 poles to two chesnut oaks on a ridge S11E 80 poles to two chesnut and black oak N15E 16 poles to a spanish oak and hickory corner to said Ingram and with his line N23E 118 poles to a sugar tree and red oak on a line of said Ingrams new survey and with the same S60E 10 poles to three Ironwood saplings S74E 50 poles to two chesnuts S40E 150 poles, thence leaving said line S55W 140 poles to the beginning; WITH ITS APPURTENANCES: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD THE SAID TRACT OF PARCEL OF LAND WITH ITS APPURTENANCES, THE SAID James McKemy and Joseph Wooddell and THEIR HEIRS FOREVER.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE SAID James Monroe ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, HATH HEREUNTO SET HIS HAND, AND CAUSED THE LESSER SEAL OF THE SAID COMMONWEALTH TO BE AFFIXED AT RICHMOND, ON THE third DAY OF June IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND two AND OF THE COMMONWEALTH THE twentysixth.

seal

James Monroe

Later deeds in the Wooddell papers indicate that Joseph bought James McKemy's share in 1813, acquired considerable additional land, & then gave parcels to each of his several sons before his death in 1834.

In addition to farming his land, Joseph used the waters of Deer Creek to provide power for a saw mill, a feed mill, a blacksmith shop, and a still. The mill races for these operations can be traced today. To keep the records for these enterprises, Joseph made an account book by folding a sheaf of paper, then sewing with heavy thread down the crease in the center. In this crude book are entries from 1813 to 1832, each with the date, the name of the customer, the goods or services provided, and the price in either dollars or pounds. Some typical entries are given because they provide information concerning the lives of the early settlers of Pocahontas County:

The following is an account of Plank Sawed for Daniel kerr in June 1814 by me Joseph Wooddell:

To 5 quarter plank	598 feet
To Inch Plank	1022
To 3/4 Plank for covering	386
To Plank for wagon body	251
To inch Plank for petition	559

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James Cooper, In for Sawing in 1815 & 1816:

	L	s	d
To 5/4 planks 765 feet	1	3	0
To Inch do 1053—	1	6	0
To 3/4 do 490—	0	10	3
To 15 Joice		3	0
To Scaffold & Slab Plank		3	0
To Scantling for bedsteads			

James Cooper--June 23, 1825

	L	s	d
To 1/2 Bu. Corn	0	1	6
To 2 Bu. Corn	0	6	0
To 1 Sickle	0	3	0
Cr. by Cash	0	6	0
To 2 Bu. Rye	0	6	0

June 30th 1826. David Clayton. Dn to Boarding and horse feed and stableage for his brother Richard \$5. Cr. by 2 mares to his horse at \$2.50 each--\$5.

Many other accounts are listed in Joseph's book and in the Wooddell family papers. In 1827 he drew up specifications for building a church and probably cut the required lumber. He kept cattle and entered records of their pasturing, mentions beef, hides and furs. He made five to ten pound loans of salt to neighbors, of which this entry is typical: "October 6, 1823. Lent to Elizabeth Warrick 11 lbs. Salt with the apron". He made wagon parts, bedstead parts, and frequently mentioned "cherry plank". He billed Charles Martin in March, 1825, for: "To 3 1/2 gallons Whisky, 0-10-6". In April, 1829, he let John Sutton have "one plough Sheer Weight 12 lbs. for which he was to give me the same Weight of new Iron—he paid". He also charged one neighbor for "3 1/2 days work in haytime, 0-10-6". Some other activities for which he presented bills were:

Halling wood to the lime kiln one day	0	9	0
Halling lime 2 days	1	4	0
Halling stone 2 days	1	16	0
13 days making brick	0	19	6
1 day attendance in mortar	0	3	0
18 1/2 days attendance making the Brick Kiln	0	2	3
Halling a load of shingles	0	9	0

Joseph Wooddell apparently made trips of some distance for supplies, as several shopping lists are entered. The following was "for James Cooper," his son-in-law: 3 lb. Coffee, 1 Coffee pot, 1 Pepper Box, 3 Tea Cups & Sassers, 1 wearing hankerchief, 5 yds yellow Flannel 1 yrd and half quarter wide, 1/2 lb Pepper. Other items on other lists included: 2 lb chocolate, 3 yds muslin, 6 lbs Cotton, 1 Sheet Pins, 1 small thimble, 1 Bandany hankerchief, 1 Shoehammer, 1 Sett fine Niting needles, 1 Spelling book, Some writing paper.

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These records present hints as to what life was like in the early days of Pocahontas County and also show that Joseph Wooddell was active in the commerce of the region. Judging by the number of wills, deeds, and other documents he prepared for other people, copies of which are in the family papers, he must have been one of

the few men in the County of his generation who could write well. We know that some of his contemporaries could not write their own names (and made their marks on legal documents) and that many others could write only their own signatures. Joseph prepared two wills for himself, the first in 1822 and the second in 1832, and these documents give further evidence as to his activities and station in life. The 1822 will, in his own handwriting, reads as follows:

In the name of God Amen the Twelfth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and Twenty Two I Joseph Wooddell Senr. of the County of Pocahontas and State of Virginia being now in health of Body and of perfect mind and Memory thanks be given unto god for the Same but now I am taking a Journey to the State of Ohio and Considering that I am therefore in a particular manner Exposed to death as well as of the natural mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die I do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in the manner and form following that is all my real and personal Estate I do will and bequeath as hereafter directed Viz first my funeral and just debts to be paid and all my Lands in this County Containing three hundred and fourteen Acres more or less Lying and being in the County aforesaid adjoining the Lands of Jacob Warrick junr. Jacob Gillespie John Hogshead and others I will and bequeath to Two of my Sons that is John and James Wooddell to them and their heirs forever John Wooddell to have the Lower End adjoining Jacob Warricks Land to Begin on the out Side Line on the South Side of my Land opposite to what we Call the old Still house place and a Line from there across to the Creek that Come down through my meadow to Come past the old Still house place thence down the Creek till near the Lower End of my pasture then across the Lower End of the pasture and upon other Branch of the Creek to the South East Corner of my potato patch that is now then down the way that we Staked it towards the upper Corner of Johns new field about forty rods down from the Said Corner of the potato patch then Square across the Bottom to Jacob Gillespies Line and James Wooddell to have the upper End adjoining Jacob Gillespies and John Hogsheads Lands with the Buildings and improvements that is on it Excepting John Wooddell to have the privilege of doing his own grinding and Sawing with the mills upon Conditions that he gives Some help towards keeping them in order my Lands in the State of Ohio pike County Beaver Township Containing one hundred and Sixty acres it being one quarter Section I will and bequeath to my son Joseph Wooddell and his heirs forever upon Condition that he makes his Brother James Wooddell a rite to his part of the one hundred and Thirty Eight acres which I gave to him and his Brother John Lying in this County also I will and bequeath to my Son Joseph the following property Viz the Brown mare and Colts that has been call^d. his and one Cow and Colt the Smiths anvil and Vice ax mattock and hoe and a Set of plough Irons one bed and a Light wagon to move with himself to assist in providing the wagon his Brother James to assist him in providing money to move with and as Soon as would be convenient Some money to help him in improving his Land the time not to Exceed four years my Son James to have the following property the Sorral filly that has been Call^d. his and roan Colt that came of Betseys mare and Cattle Sheep and hogs Sufficient for the Support of the family while Together my wagon ploughs Cross-cut Saw broad ax and Tools necessary for farming I wish to be kept on the place my house and kitchen furniture To be kept for the benefit of the family my son James to have my desk & Clock to my Daughter Elisabeth I will and bequeath as follows the Sorral mare that has been Call^d. hers and the young Sorral mare that Came of her mare my walnut Chest Bed and Bedding all the coverings that She provided for her Self and if She Lives to alter her Station of Living I allow her to have five or Six head of Cattle five or Six head of Sheep dresser furniture and Some pots all her own Cloaths and necessary articles Else not mentioned I wish her to have a peaceable Living in my house while in the Station that She is as She has been Very good to me Since her mothers death my Cloath I wish to be divided Equally amongst my four sons my wife that was I allow her Cloaths to be divided Equally between my Three daughters that is here as Jane

According to the James & Jane Wooddell family Bible, Elizabeth died on April 6, 1820, & her husband Joseph died on July 26, 1834. The date of Joseph's death is confirmed by a letter giving the same date in his file at the National Archives. The place of Joseph & Elizabeth's burial is not known. Forrest Wooddell was able to locate the graves of the slaves because his father, many years ago, had pointed out the spot, but he does not remember ever being shown where his great-great-grandparents were buried.

Joseph Wooddell (1752-1834) file at the National Archives in Washington, D. C., is S. F. 11883. His brother, Thomas Waddell (1759-1839), spelled his name differently; his file is 11697.

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